



**AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GIFTED OR
TALENTED PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study gifted or talented programs in this state. Such study shall
3 consider ways (1) to expand and improve programs and opportunities
4 for gifted or talented students, (2) to improve identification of gifted or
5 talented students, and (3) the state and local and regional school
6 districts can support gifted or talented programs.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 who shall be a parent of a gifted student;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
11 shall be a talented student;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives, who shall be a teacher of gifted or talented students;

14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
15 a faculty member of an institution of higher education specializing in
16 education of the gifted or talented;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

18 Representatives, who shall be a member of a local or regional board of
19 education for a school district that has gifted or talented programs;

20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
21 a representative of the Connecticut Association for the Gifted;

22 (7) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be the principal of a
23 school that has gifted or talented programs;

24 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
25 and

26 (9) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
28 relating to education, or their designees.

29 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, or their
31 designees, shall be the chairpersons of the task force.

32 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
33 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
34 filled by the appointing authority.

35 (e) The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task
36 force, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective
37 date of this section.

38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
40 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2004, the task force shall report, in
42 accordance with section 11-4 of the general statutes on its findings and
43 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
44 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. The task
45 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
46 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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